

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

- Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An optical connector comprising:
a housing ~~provided with a coupling portion~~ having an opening formed therein for coupling another optical connector; and
a blocking component disposed and extending within the coupling portion opening for blocking an optical axis ~~arranged in the coupling portion~~,
wherein the blocking component has a shutter plate blocking or shading the optical axis and being pivotably supported by the housing with a pivot shaft and an elastic portion separated from the shutter plate and mounted on the housing for normally biasing the shutter plate to a closed position, the shutter plate including an opening in which the elastic portion is disposed, the shutter plate pivoting between the closed position and an opened position to which the shutter plate is forced to move by ~~the other~~ another optical connector when the other optical connector is inserted into the ~~optical connector~~ opening of the housing.
- Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The optical connector according to Claim 1, wherein the elastic portion is disposed ~~applies a force to the shutter plate~~ at a side of the pivot shaft and an opposite side of the elastic portion ~~so that the shutter plate is~~ for applying a force to the shutter plate to be disposed in the position blocking the optical axis.
- Claim 3. (Original) The optical connector according to Claim 1, wherein the optical connector connects a plurality of optical cables.
- Claim 4. (Original) The optical connector according to Claim 1, wherein the other optical connection in an optical connector including a plug.
- Claim 5. (Original) The optical connector according to Claim 1, wherein the shutter plate and the elastic portion are formed in an integrated structure.
- Claim 6. (Original) The optical connector according to Claim 1, wherein the shutter plate and the elastic portion comprise an identical metal.
- Claim 7. (Original) The optical connector according to Claim 1, wherein the shutter plate comprises a resin and is integrally molded with the elastic portion.

Request for Reconsideration:

Applicants are amending claims 1 and 2 to address certain indefiniteness rejections. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification. E.g., Appl'n, **Figs. 5-9**. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter these amendments and reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.